

| S. No. | Place | State | Category | Power KW | in |
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| 9. | Soro | Orissa | LRS* | 1 KW | MW |
| 10. | Dharmapuri | Tamil Nadu | LRS* | 10 KW | FM |
| 11. | Shantiniketan | West Bengal | LRS* | 3 KW | FM |

*With multi purpose studio and Staff Quarters

Print Media Policy

4023. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the print media policy of Government is in accordance with the Cabinet Resolution of 13th September, 1955;

(b) if so, what are the details of this print media policy which is at present in existence;

(c) whether any changes have been incorporated in the print media after the Cabinet Resolution of 1955; and

(d) if so, when and what are these changes?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The existing print media policy, which is guided by the Cabinet decision of 1955, prohibits publication of foreign owned newspapers/periodicals in the country and the Indian editions of foreign newspapers/periodicals dealing mainly with news and current affairs.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Capturing of DHT Services by Foreign Companies

4024. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of satellite service providers are trying to capture the Indian market for DTH services;

(b) if so, the names of the foreign companies in the field;

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(c) whether Government have laid down any norms for permitting the entry of the foreign companies;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken to protect the interest of domestic companies and provide them level playing field?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Government has so far not received any application for issue of licence for Direct-to-Home Services.

(c) to (e) Government has issued details guidelines on 15.03.2001, for operation of DTH services in the country, which *inter-alia* provide that only Indian companies with a maximum foreign equity, including FDI/NRI/OCB/FII, of 49% would be eligible to obtain the licence. The guidelines are available on this Ministry's website i.e. mib.nic.in.

Functioning of Bhubaneswar Doordarshan

4025. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the part-time Journalists and Artists of Doordarshan, Bhubaneswar have not received their payment for the last one year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Bhubaneswar Doordarshan is discouraging the popular serials and newscasts like Orissa Review;

(c) whether any representation has been received by the Ministry about the blatant corruption in Bhubaneswar Doordarshan; and

(d) whether Government would like to inquire about the allegation and take appropriate action?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.